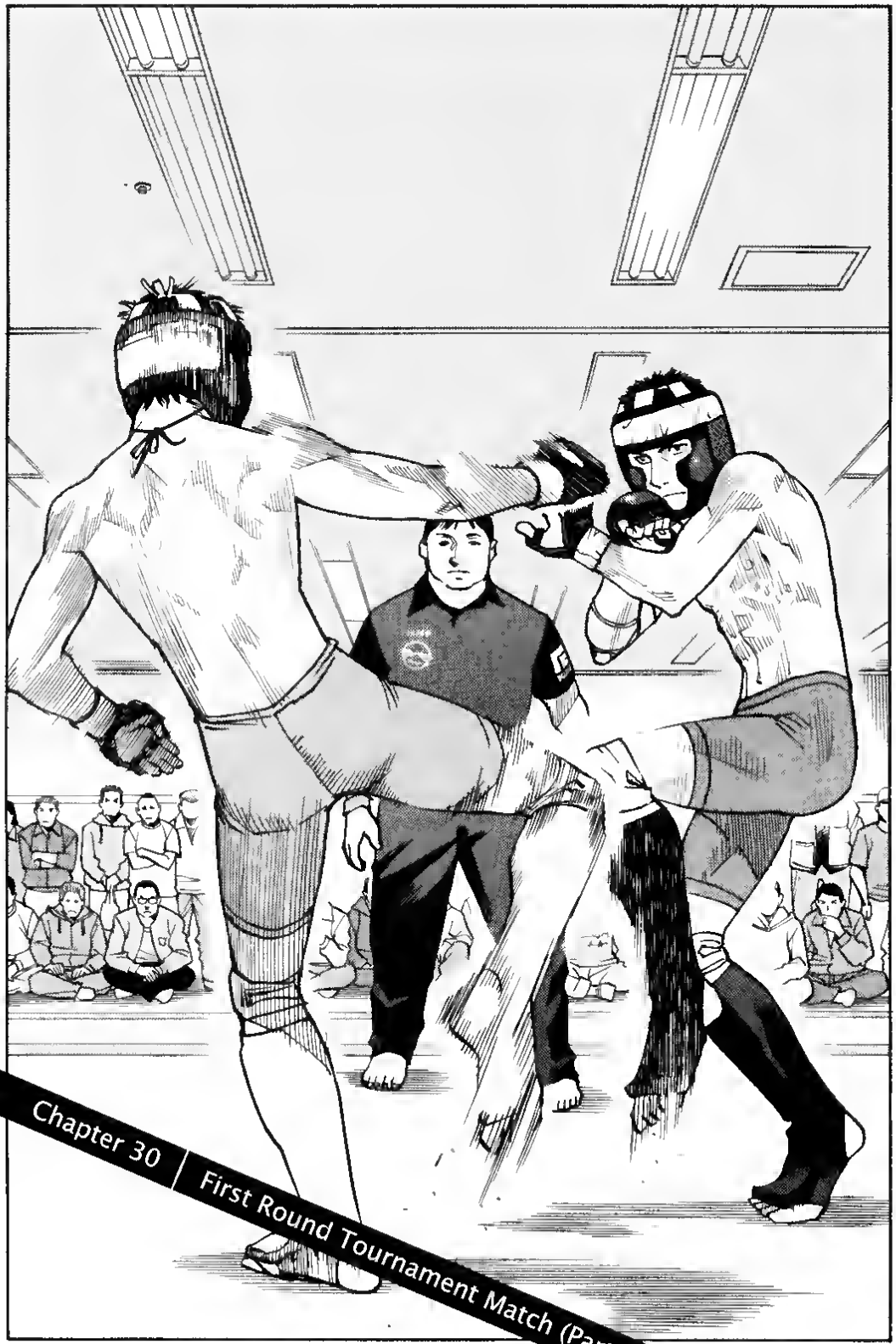

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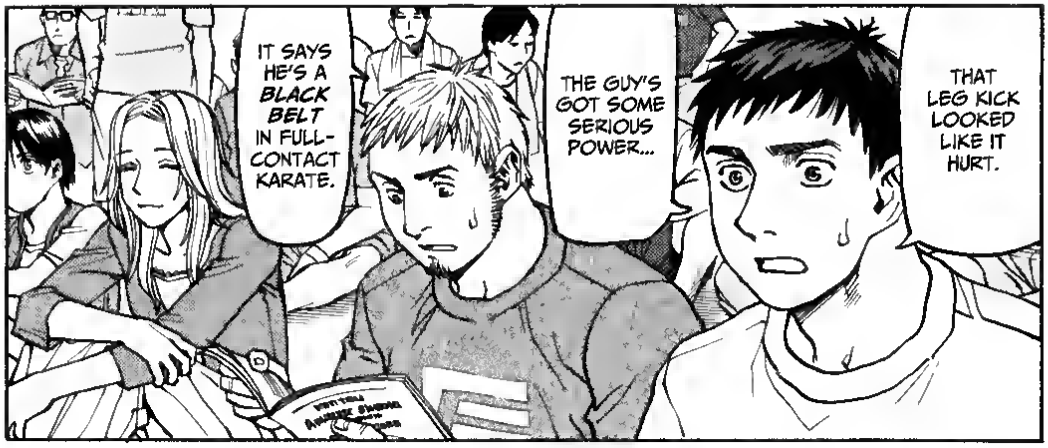
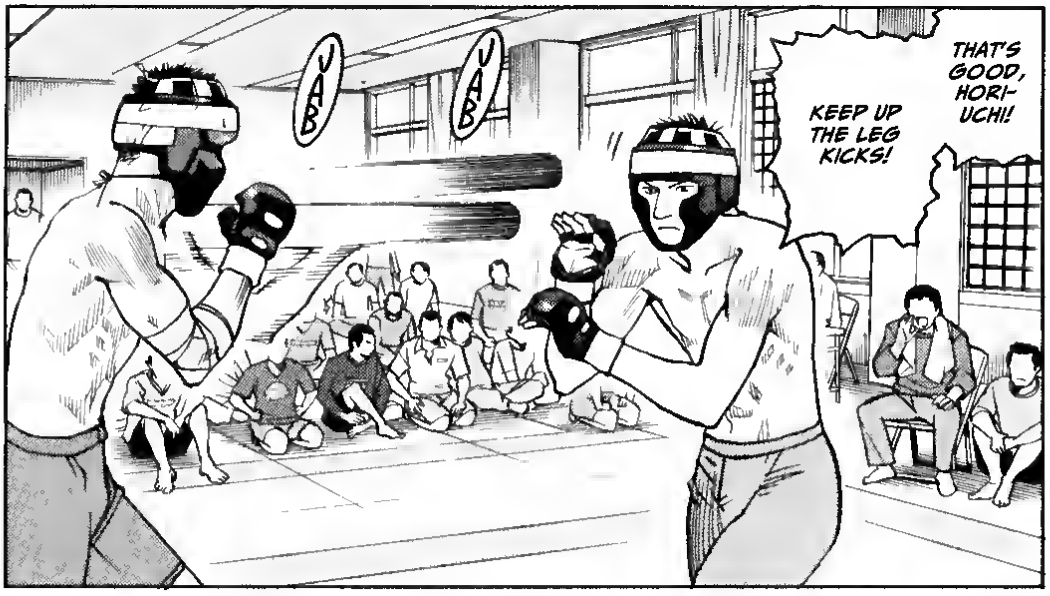
WATCH OUT FOR HIS HIGH KICK!
YUDAI! DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

HRG!


IT SAYS HE'S A BLACK BELT IN FULL-CONTACT KARATE.
THE GUY'S GOT SOME SERIOUS POWER...
THAT LEG KICK LOOKED LIKE IT HURT.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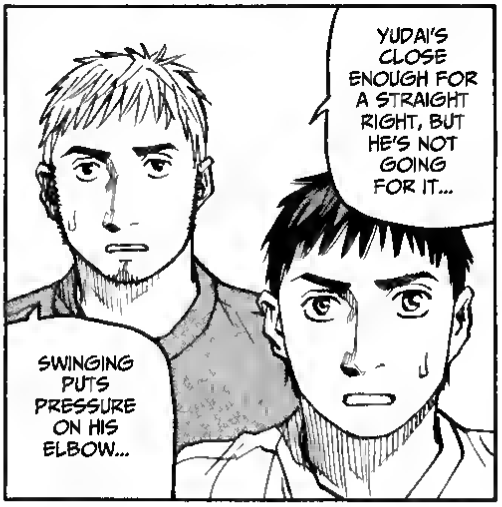
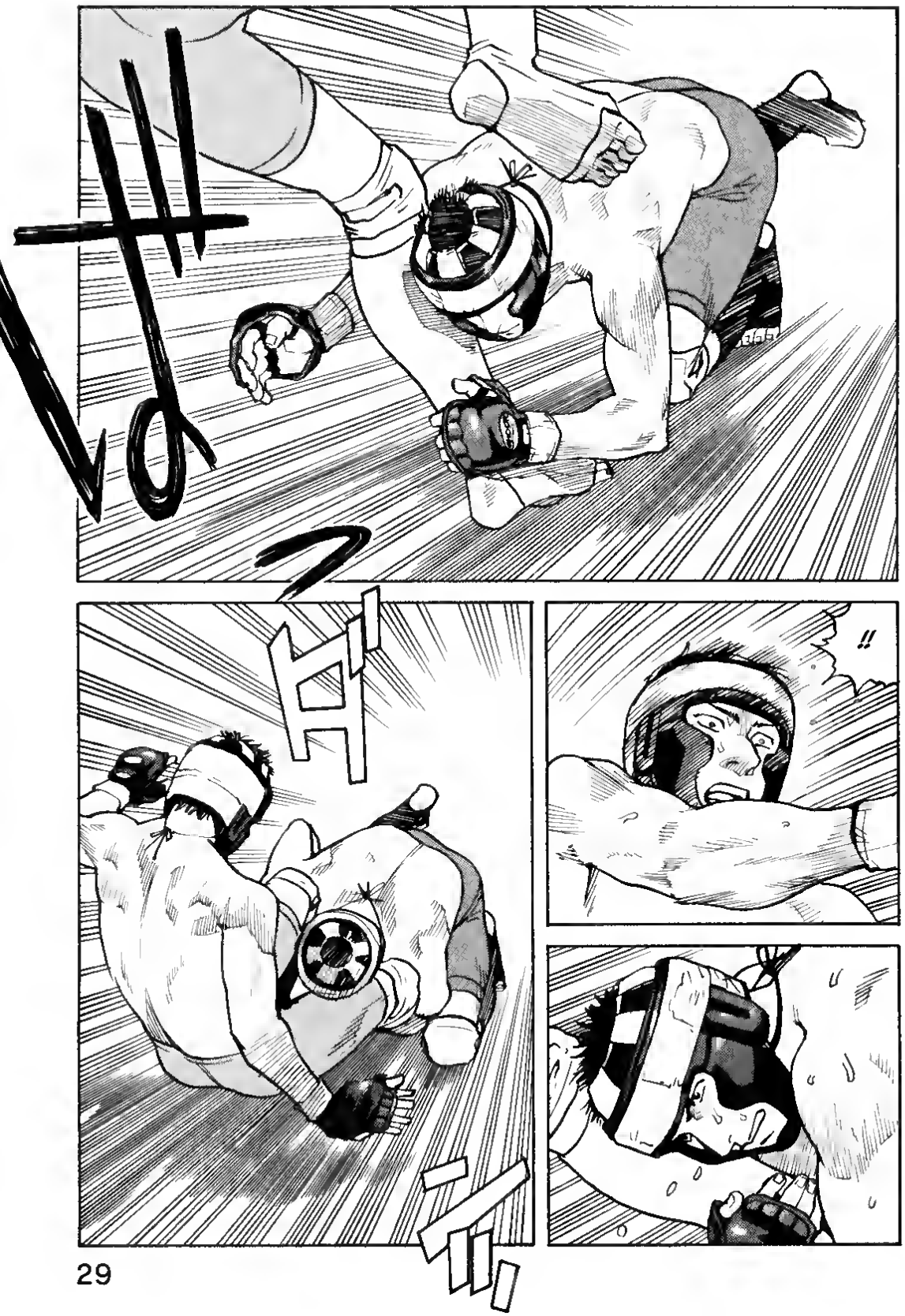
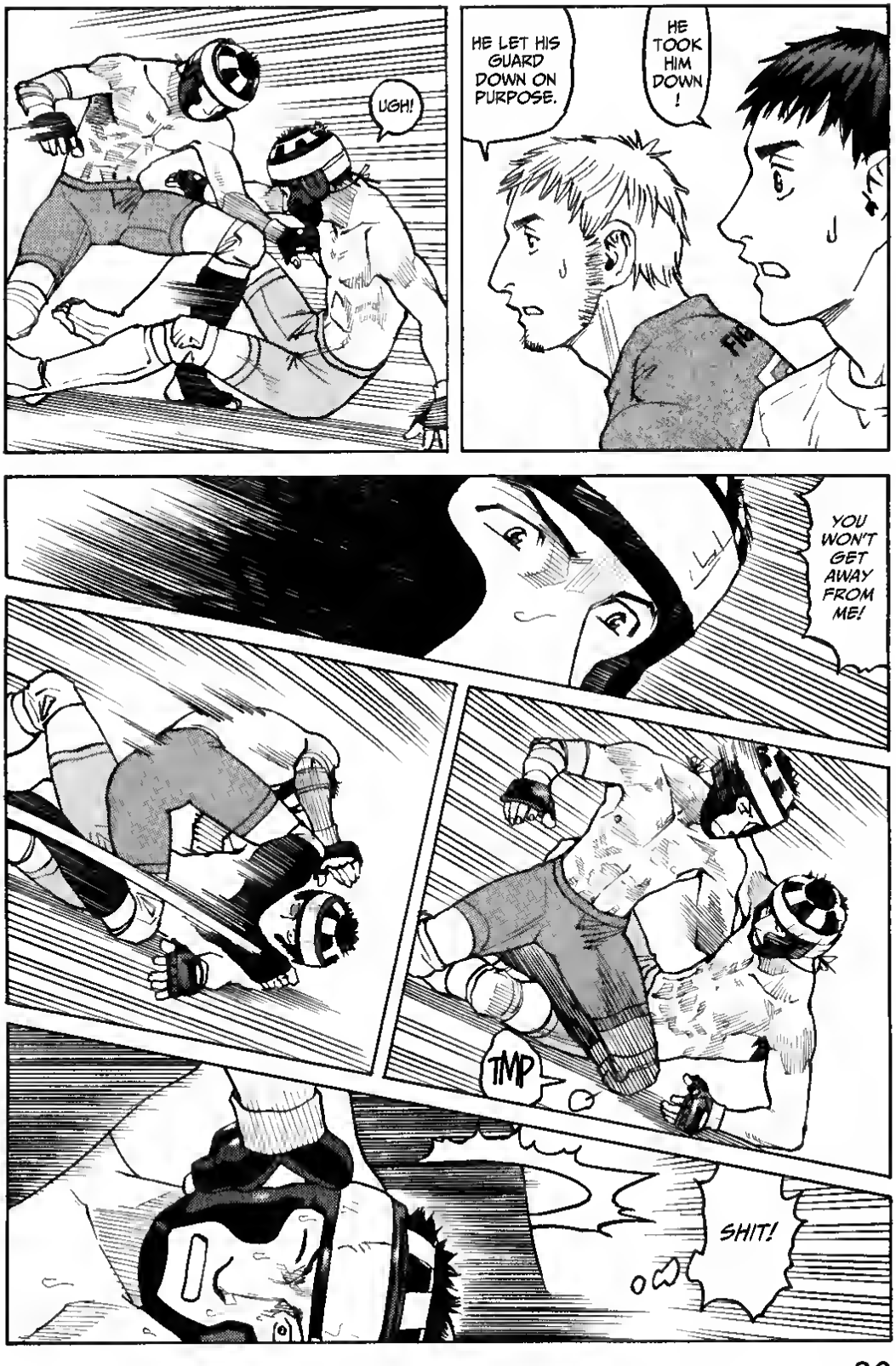
KEEP UP THE LEG KICKS!
THAT'S GOOD, HORI-UCHI!


YUDAI'S CLOSE ENOUGH FOR A STRAIGHT RIGHT, BUT HE'S NOT GOING FOR IT...
SWINGING PUTS PRESSURE ON HIS ELBOW...

...TRYING TO CATCH MY RIGHT LEG KICK...
HE'S LOWER-ING HIS GUARD...
SHOOTO
I CAN DO THIS...
OK!




UGH!
HE LET HIS GUARD DOWN ON PURPOSE.
HE TOOK HIM DOWN !
YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!
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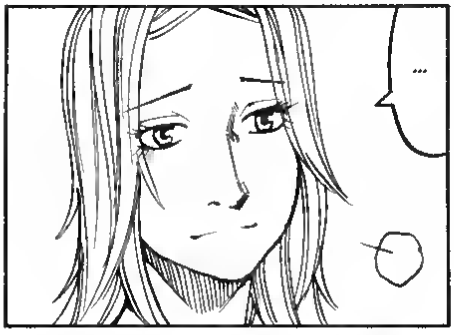
SHOOTO

THAT ARMBAR WAS SO QUICK I DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT COMING...
IS HE REALLY INJURED?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STOP!

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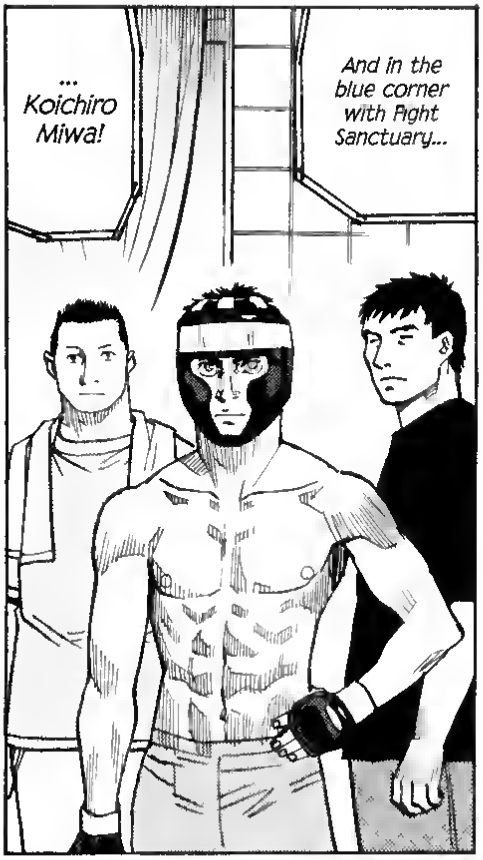
THAT'S DANGER-OUS...
...YEAH.
DID YOU DRAW HIM INTO THAT HIGH KICK ON PURPOSE?
FIGHTERS BREW

GET READY, MEGURU.
...
YUDAI ?
HUH?
UH...
YOU'D BETTER WIN.
...
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.
SORRY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?

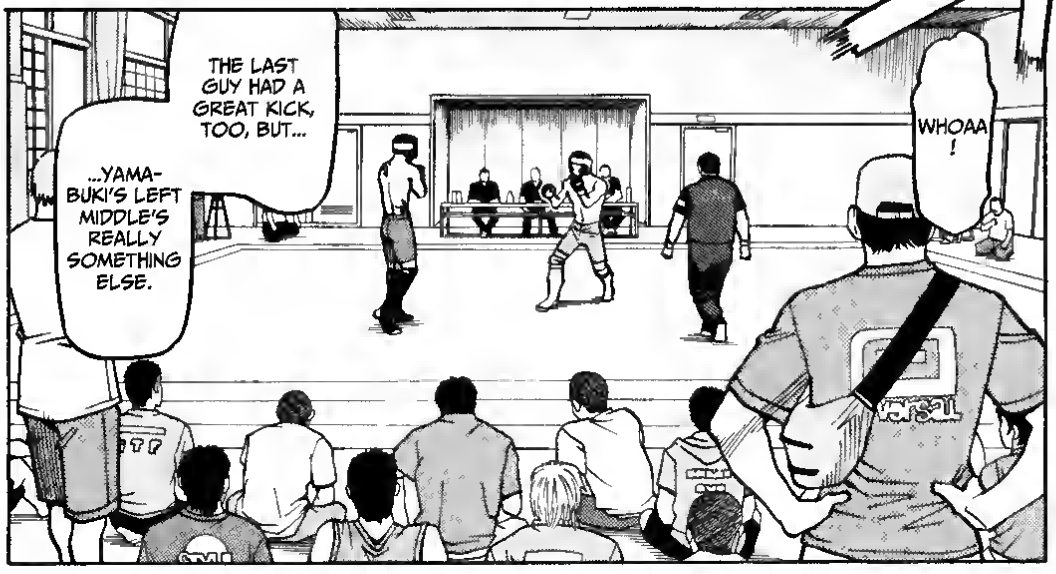
YUDAI.
AMATEUR SHOOTO ISN'T YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.
OF COURSE I TRIED, BUT...
IN FACT, THE OLDEST ENTRANT IN THIS COMPETITION IS 36.
IF YOU WANT TO, YOU CAN KEEP FIGHTING INTO YOUR 20S AND 30S.
...
BUT IF YOU GO OUT THERE AND MAKE YOUR ELBOW EVEN WORSE...
...YOU COULD LOSE HALF A YEAR.

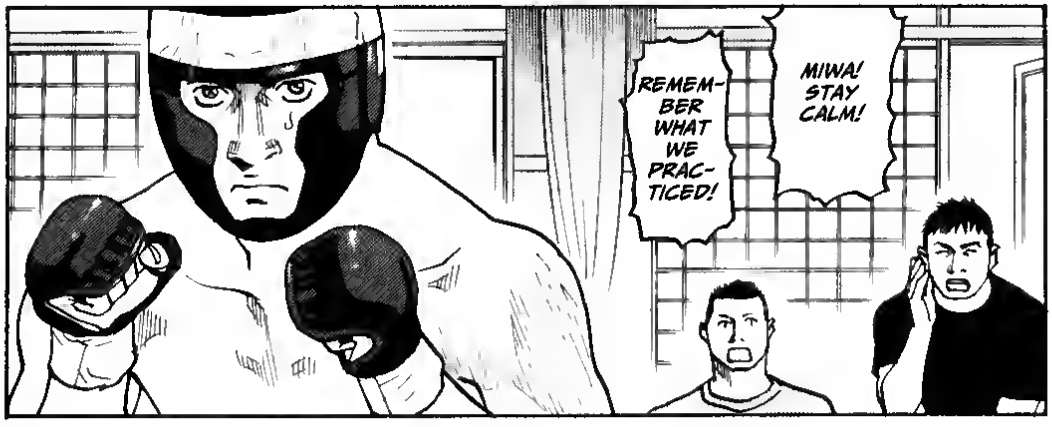
I DON'T KNOW.
WHY'S HE SO SET ON IT?
HE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING TO YOU?
AND HE *STILL* SAID HE WANTED TO DO IT?
... YEAH.
NO...
In the red corner with Kogure Dojo, Takashi Yamabuki!
!
Match 15, lightweight division, single-round.

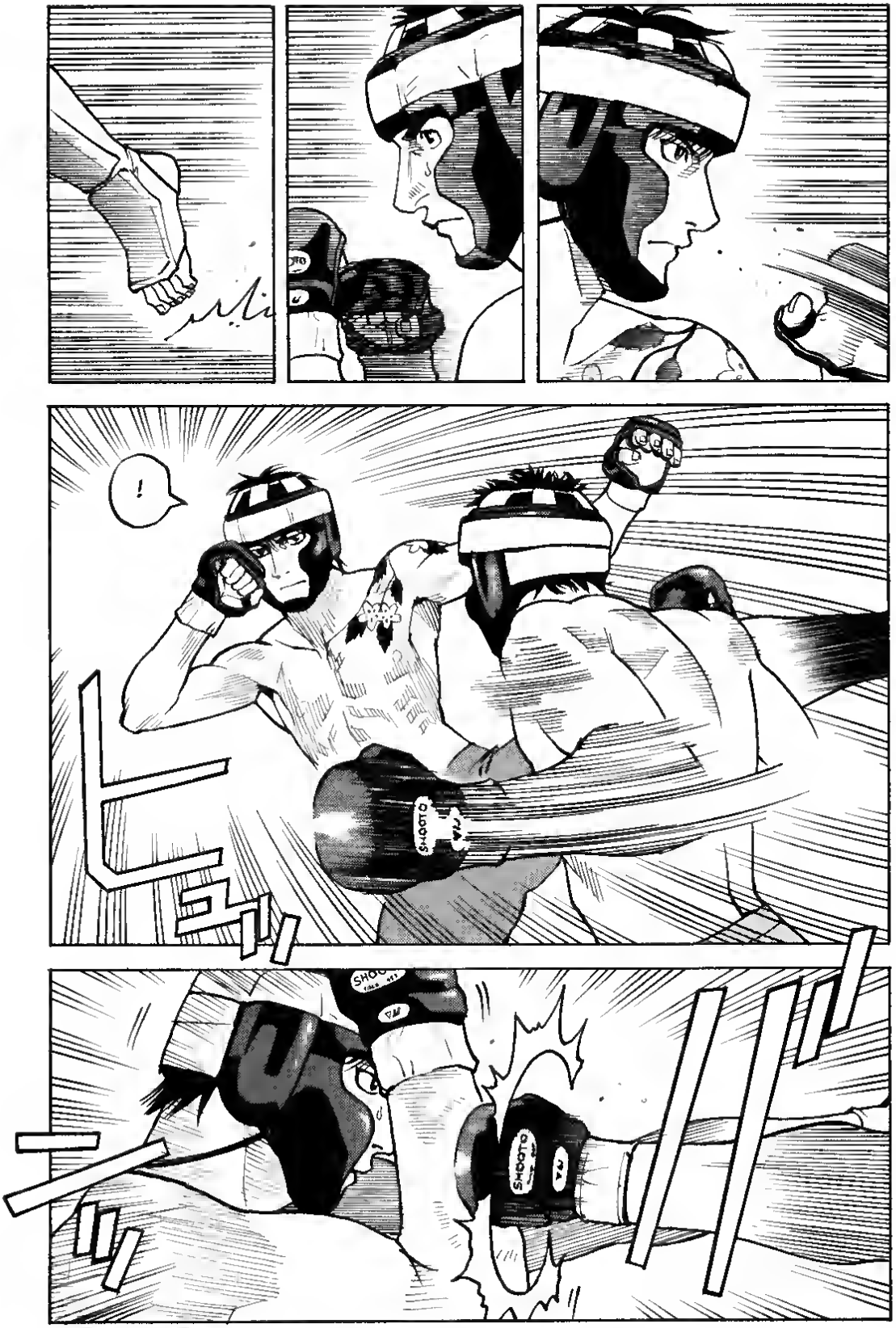

... Koichiro Miwa!
And in the blue corner with Fight Sanctuary...

OK!
IF YOU TAKE HIM DOWN, DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
JUST DO WHAT WE PRAC-TICED AND YOU'LL WIN.

FIGHT!


THE LAST GUY HAD A GREAT KICK, TOO, BUT...
...YAMABUKI'S LEFT MIDDLE'S REALLY SOMETHING ELSE.
WHOAA!


REMEMBER WHAT WE PRACTICED!
MIWA! STAY CALM!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SHOOTO
SHOOTO

THAT'S PRETTY TOUGH TO PULL OFF...
OHHH...
HE BLOCKED THAT LEFT HOOK!
...SO THERE ARE BOUND TO BE SOME ORTHODOX FIGHTERS WHO'LL COUNTER A LEFT MIDDLE KICK WITH A LEFT HOOK.
EVERYONE IN THIS TOURNAMENT IS GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN...
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TWINGE
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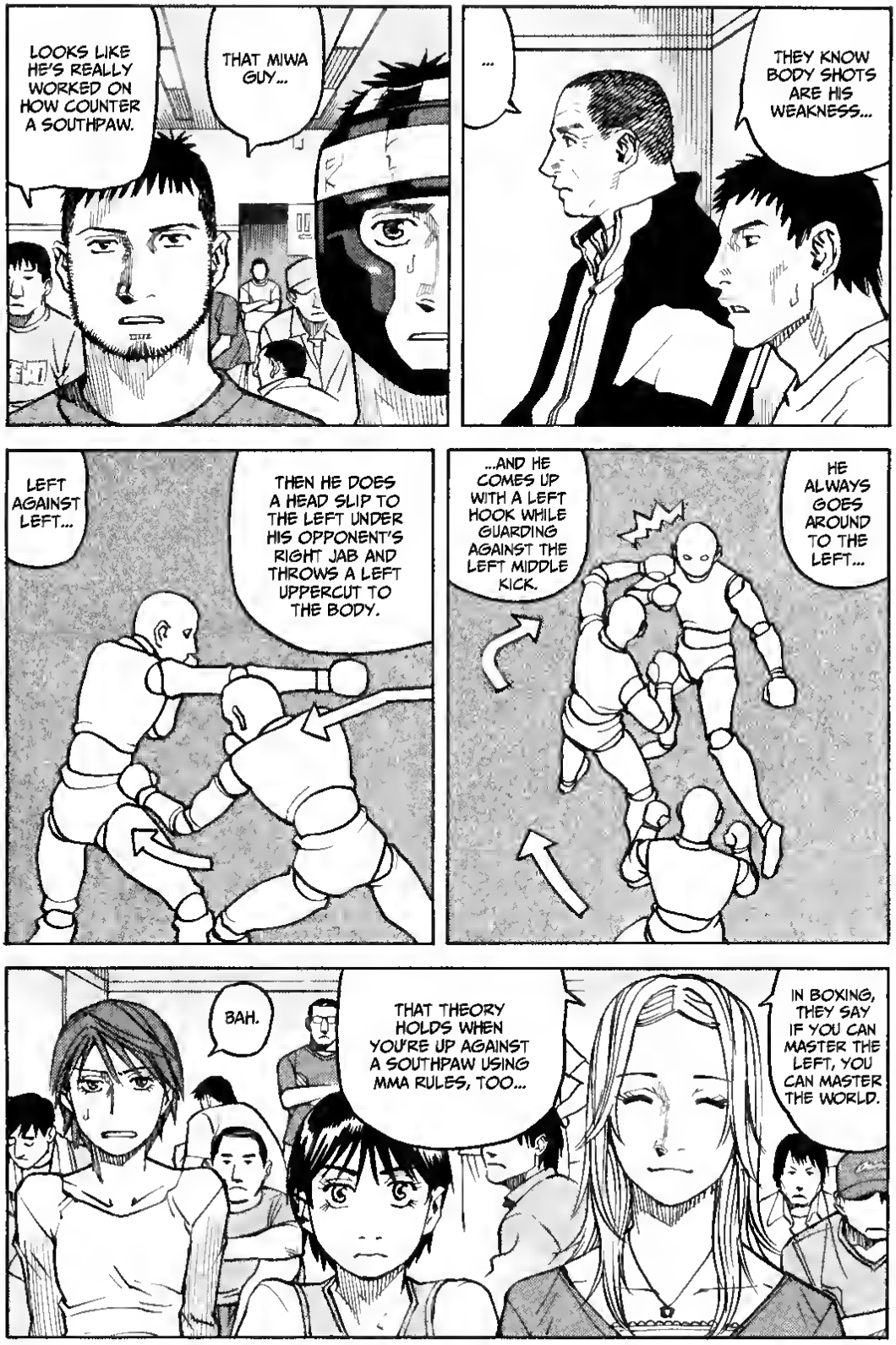
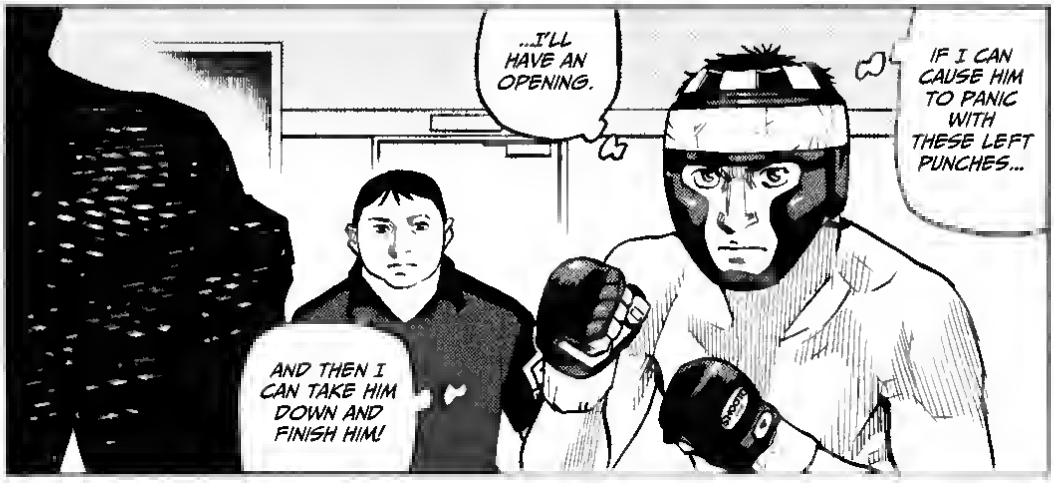
IT WORKED ..!


LOOKS LIKE HE'S REALLY WORKED ON HOW COUNTER A SOUTHPAW.
THAT MIWA GUY...
...
THEY KNOW BODY SHOTS ARE HIS WEAKNESS...
LEFT AGAINST LEFT...
THEN HE DOES A HEAD SLIP TO THE LEFT UNDER HIS OPPONENT'S RIGHT JAB AND THROWS A LEFT UPPERCUT TO THE BODY.
...AND HE COMES UP WITH A LEFT HOOK WHILE GUARDING AGAINST THE LEFT MIDDLE KICK.
HE ALWAYS GOES AROUND TO THE LEFT...
BAH.
THAT THEORY HOLDS WHEN YOU'RE UP AGAINST A SOUTHPAW USING MMA RULES, TOO...
IN BOXING, THEY SAY IF YOU CAN MASTER THE LEFT, YOU CAN MASTER THE WORLD.


...I'LL HAVE AN OPENING.
IF I CAN CAUSE HIM TO PANIC WITH THESE LEFT PUNCHES...
AND THEN I CAN TAKE HIM DOWN AND FINISH HIM!

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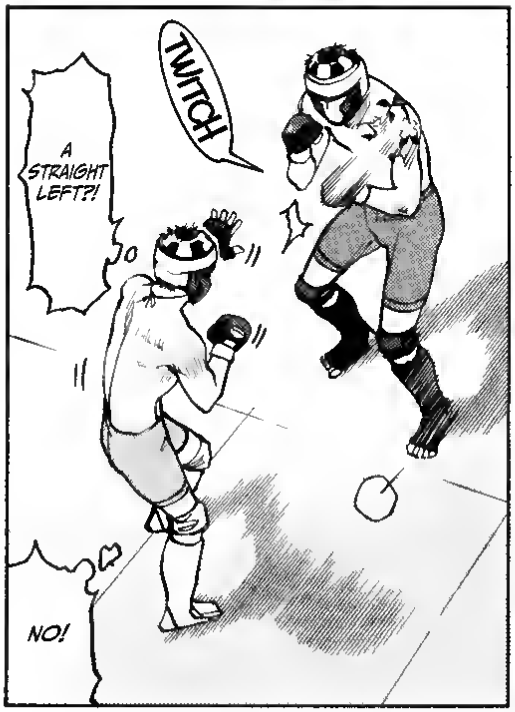
TWITCH
A STRAIGHT LEFT?!
NO!

JAB

A RIGHT JAB!
!!
GOTCHA!

HUH ?!
WHEN DID HE SWITCH ?!
A RIGHT KICK?